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UPCOMING EYENTS

HOME

Men's Basketball vs Allentown, Dec. 29 (8pm) Men's Hockey vs Acadia, Dec. 30 (2 pm) Men's Basketball vs Toronto, Jan. 5 (8 pm) Wrestling, Dual Meet vs Brock, Jan. 5 Men's Basketball vs Ryerson, Jan. 6 (8 pm)

AWAY

Wrestling @ NY Athletic Club, Dec. 16 Women's Basketball, B.C. Trip, Dec. 28-Jan. 4 Men's Hockey @ Toronto Tournament, Jan.5-6 Women's Yolleyball @ Queen's Invit., Jan. 5-6 Women's Hockey @ U.Q.T.R., Jan. 6

STINGERS DEFEAT NATIONALLY RANKED U.Q.T.R. DESJARDINS STELLAR IN NET-SEYEN STINGERS TO FACE NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

<u>Men's Hockey Update</u>: The Stingers improved their record to 5-7 in the O.U.A.A. December 8 with a 3-2 victory over the U.Q.T.R. Patriotes. Concordia has now won three of its last four games. Second-year goaltender **Robert Desjardins** (Yerdun, Que.) lowered his G.A.A. to an impressive 2.86 in league play. The former Q.M.J.H.L. M.Y.P. (1987) has allowed four goals in his last three games, all victories by the Stingers. Second-year forward **Bob Rowatt** (Ottawa, Ont.) scored the winning goal for Concordia. The Stingers won for the third consecutive year on Patriotes' ice. U.Q.T.R. had lost only four games on home ice in the last three years.

<u>Next Game</u>: The Stingers will host the Acadia Axemen, 1988-89 winners of the A.U.A.A. Kelly Division, Saturday, December 30. The Axemen boast a solid core of returning players including former W.H.L. goaltenders **Jamie Dubberley** and **Chris Churchill**. All-Star defensemen **Kevin Stover** also returns. Impressive newcomer **Darren Colbourne** (Cornwall Royals) is among the leading scorers in the A.U.A.A. with his three points per game average.

The Records: The Stingers are 4-2 against the Axemen since 1975.

Seven Stingers to Face National Junior Team: Players from the U.Q.T.R. Patriotes, Ottawa Gee Gees and Concordia Stingers will face the National Junior Team in an exhibition game December 16 in Gloucester, Ontario. Representing the Stingers on the team will be goaltender Robert Desjardins, forwards Richard Laplante (Boucherville, Que.), Steve Sonoski (Brampton, Ont.), John Gravelle (Dollard des Ormeaux, Que.), Rob Boyle (Toronto, Ont.) as well as defensemen Pierre Bouthillier (Granby, Que.) and Jeff Gill (Lennoxville, Que.). Sonoski, Gill and Bouthillier are rookies.

Young Guns: Concordia featured 11 first and seven second-year players in their lineup against U.Q.T.R. Defenseman **Pierre Bouthillier** leads the rookies with 13 points while **Steven Sonoski** leads in goal scoring with seven. Every rookie forward has scored at least one point in league play.

<u>The Rich Report</u>: Third-year captain **Richard Laplante** has 36 points in 21 games this season. **Laplante** has moved to ninth place on the All-time scoring list with his 201 career points. He has averaged 2.34 points per game over his career, the best of any Stinger. The second best ratio was by **Doug Feasby** (1978-81), who averaged 2.10 points per game.

200 Point Club: Two-time O.U.A.A. All-Star **Richard Laplante** has joined an illustrious group of players who have reached the 200 point plateau. Among them are former All-Canadians **Mark Shewchuk** (1972), **Glen Tomalty** (1977), **Doug Feasby** (1980), and **Mark Kosturik** (1985, 86). Just ahead of **Laplante** with 207 points is **Glen Tomalty. Mark Kosturik**, who currently plays in Germany, is the all-time leader with 257 points.

Stingers in the O.U.A.A. Stats: Forward-defensemen Rob Boyle has moved into the top fifteen in O.U.A.A. scoring. Boyle has four goals and 14 assists, good enough for thirteenth place in the league. Richard Laplante is one point behind Boyle with five goals and 12 assists in 12 league games. All-star goaltender Robert Desjardins lowered his G.A.A. to an East Division leading 2.86.

<u>Mahon Flourishes</u>: Former Stinger captain and 1989 All-Canadian **Mark Mahon** (Yankleek Hill, Ont.) has taken his German league by storm. **Mahon**, who plays with the Division II Dinslakener Eissportclub, has scored 70 points in 22 games. He is currently among the league leaders in scoring.

Stingers Leaders:

GAMES-Richard Laplante (20); Mark Davidson (20).

GOALS-Richard Laplante (13); Mark Davidson (12).

ASSISTS - Richard Laplante (23); Rob Boyle (19).

POINTS-Richard Laplante (36); Rob Boyle (26).

PEN.MIN.-Pierre Bouthillier (49); E.J. Janiszewski (42).

SAVE%-Robert Desjardins (.899); Dale Betts (.857).